COME WITH US.
YOU'LL MAKE LOTS OF NEW FRIENDS I PROMISE.
LEAVE HE I MEAN. HERE?
WHERE'S LAPIS? WH DIDN'T H COME?
OH! UMM... HE WANTED TO COME, BUT HE HAD TO FIGHT SOME BAD GUYS, SO HE SENT ME INSTEAD
I JUST HAVE ON THING T DO BEFO WE GO
BUT WHEN WE GET OUT OF HERE, WE'LL SEE HIM SOON.

DIAMOND..
LAZULI... YOU'RE STILL AWAKE?

WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SAD?
THAT MARK...
I STILL HAVE ONE MORE WOUND TO GIVE YOU.
...?
WE'LL LEAVE FOR NEIGE IN TWO DAYS.
HOME. DON'T YOU MISS IT? THE MOUNTAIN AIR. THE SNOW-CAPPED PEAKS.

YOUR SCAR... DOESN'T IT HURT?
NOT MUCH NOT ANYMORE AS THE YEARS PASS EVEN THE SHARPEST PAIN BEGINS TO FADE
BUT THE SANDS OF TIME CAN'T BURY MY RAGE IF I EVER FIND THE SPAR WHO DID THIS

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I LO
YOU
WHAT...WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?

I LOVE YOU.

THE FIRST TIME.
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME SHE'S EVER SAID THAT TIME, HOW HAVE YOU MOLDED HER HATRED INTO LOVE?
LAZULI, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW I'VE LONGED TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT
I'M SORRY, DIAMOND.

THIS THING?
IT'LL HOLD US JUST FINE I'VE BEEN PUTTING IT TOGETHER IN SECRET FOR MORE THAN A YEAR I FINISHED IT JUST BEFORE YOU CAME ALONG AGAIN IT MUST HAVE BEEN FATE!
FATE DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?

SHELL, PROMISE THAT YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE ME.
PROMISE YOU'LL STAY WITH ME FOREVER...

BECAUSE OF HER, UM, MAGIC, LADY EMERALD IS VISITED BY NIGHTMARES.
I CAN'T DO THIS. I'VE GOT TO GO BACK.
IF SHE ISN'T WOKEN UP QUICKLY, HE'LL COME FOR HER, TRAPPING HER IN THE NIGHTMARE FOREVER
I'M THE ONLY ONE SHE HAS I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT'S LEFT SHE NEEDS ME
MMM

LAZULI!
WHY IS HE GOING BACK? HE WAS SO SAD THERE...
WELL, HE CHOSE THE GOOD OF ANOTHER OVER HIS OWN HAPPINESS SO MAYBE EMERALD CASTLE IS WHERE HIS HEART TRULIES IT SURE SOUNDS LIKE LOVE TO ME

LAZULI!!!
YOU'RE ABANDONING ME AGAIN?!
YOU JUST TOLD ME YOU LOVE ME!
I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

LAZULI! STOP!!!
DON'T LEAVE!! DON'T LEAVE ME!!!
COME BACK!! LAZULI!!!

YOU HELPED HER LEAVE. YOU TOOK HER FROM ME?

MY LORD! WHY SUCH AN URGENT RIDE? THE MORNING SHOULD BE SAVORED AT A MORE LEISURELY PACE
?!
YOUR JUJU HELPED LAZULI ESCAPE HE BETRAYED YOU WHEN HE CROSSED ME
YOU SHOULD THANK ME FOR DISCIPLINING HIM FOR YOU
THANK YOU

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NOOOOOO!!!!

SHELL... PLEASE DON'T DIE...
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME..
DIAMOND, I GAVE YOU YOUR HEART'S DESIRE I BROKE YOUR SHACKLES. I GAVE YOU MY CASTLE, MY LANDS, MY BOND BUT NOT MY HEART! MY HEART WAS MINE!
NOW, I'LL RIP YOURS OUT!
LADY EMERALD IS VISITED BY NIGHTMARES IF SHE ISN'T WOKEN UP QUICKLY, HE'LL COME FOR HER, TRAPPING HER IN THE NIGHTMARE FOREVER
I'M THE ONLY ONE SHE HAS. I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT'S LEFT. SHE NEEDS ME.
SHELL...MY LOVE...

WHY?
HOW?
I'M SOMEONE EL
ENTIRELY!
MASTER I
HAVE BROUGH
SILICA FROM
VILLAGE, AS Y
REQUESTED
HOW COULD I LET THIS HAPPEN? WHEN I M A WOMAN I M COMPLETELY RULED BY MY EMOTIONS! I DON'T EVEN CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES OF MY ACTIONS! I MUSTKE A RUNAWAY HORSE!

YOU KNOW...
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YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED? YOU KNOW WHAT I DID?

DIRTY.
MASTER! STOP THIS FOOLISHNESS!
PANTHER.
WHY WAS I CURSED WITH THIS BODY
I'M NO LEADER! I CAN'T EVEN CONTROL MYSELF!
I FEEL SO DIRTY.

FSHELL, IF I DON'T LOOK TOO CLOSELY I CAN PRETEND YOU'RE JUST SLEEPING

I WAS SO STUPID DENYING MY LOVE FOR YOU BECAUSE I KNEW THAT SOMEDAY YOU'D BE GONE
...THAT WITHOUT YOU, THIS ETERNAL YOUTH AND THIS UNNATURAL BODY ..
AND NOW THAT YOU ARE, I REALIZE...
SHELL, FOR YOU, I'LL MAKE THE WORLD A SACRIFICE.
HAVE NO MEANING NOW I M ALONE MONSTROUS AND ALONE ...

LAZULI... I NEVER M... A CRUEL... WOMAN.
YOU LET ME TASTE HEAVEN, AND THEN LEFT ME IN THIS HELL!
THIS TIME, YOU'RE NOT COMING BACK, ARE YOU? EVER...
WITCH! YOU KNOW WHY SHE LEFT. TELL ME.

I APOLOGIZE, LORD DIAMOND. MY CRYSTAL BALLS PEER INTO THE FUTURE, UNRAVELING THE THREATS OF PAST MOTIVES THAT REQUIRES THE HISTORIAN'S ART
THEN HOW CAN I BRING HER BACK?
YOU KNOW THE ANSWER. YOU'VE ALWAYS KNOWN IT. YOU NEED MORE POWER.
MORE CONQUEST IS WORTHLESS. VICTORIES HAVEN'T BROUGHT ME HAPPINESS. ONLY LAZULI COULD DO THAT
BESIDES, I'D NEED ANOTHER LIFETIME TO SUBDUE THIS GLOBE. NOT EVERYONE CAN SCORN AGE AS YOU DO.
BESIDES, WHO CAN [illegible]AIN THE HEART OF [illegible] MAN? SHE HERSELF [illegible]N'T KNOW IT, AND [illegible]ODING UPON YOUR [illegible]S WILL [illegible]RING YOU NO CLOSER TO THE ANSWER.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT PIDDLING ARMIES AND TRIVIAL BATTLES. THE POWER I'M TALKING ABOUT IS FAR GREATER.
I MEAN THE POWER OF THE HEAVENS. ULTIMATE POWER--THE ENTIRE WORLD AT YOUR FEET--INCLUDING HER.
?
COME WITH ME, AND I'LL SHOW YOU YOUR DESTINY.

HMMM. REALLY...
WHAT ELSE DOES IT SAY?
IT SAYS, "A MAN OF UNCONQUERABLE SPIRIT WILL SEIZE THIS ISLE"
HE WILL JOIN THE DARK WITH THE LIGHT, OPENING THE GATES OF HADES, AND RULE THIS WORLD"
THE ENTIRE WORLD, LORD DIAMOND
I AM HERE TO GUIDE THAT MAN TO HIS DESTINY.

I'VE SPENT CENTURIES STARING AT THOSE WORDS, UNTIL I WAS CERTAIN THIS GATE WOULD NEVER BE OPENED AND THEN ALONG COMES DIAMOND...
TREAD CAREFULLY DIAMOND, BECAUSE ABSOLUTE POWER CAN GO TO YOUR HEAD
EVEN FORTUNETELLERS CAN'T ESCAPE THEIR DESTINY.
MINE IS TO GIVE DIAMOND THE KEYS TO THIS POWER. THE POWER TO RULE THE WORLD. THE POWER TO DESTROY WHAT HE LOVES ABOVE ALL ELSE.
...OR STOP YOUR HEART.
FINALLY, AFTER CENTURIES OF TORMENT, OUR HOUR DRAWS NIGH
FREEDOM FRO THESE CURSE BODIES...
.....

HERE IS THE GATE OF PROPHESY. BEYOND IT LIES ABSOLUTE POWER!
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO CAN UNITE THIS WORLD YOU ARE THE ONE WHO CAN OPEN THAT GATE!
WHEN YOU DO, THE WHOLE WORLD WILL REST IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND
SEIZE THAT POWER AND BECOME A GOD
OR RETURN TO YOUR LAND OF ICE AND SNOW AND LIVE THE REST OF YOUR DAYS PONDERING WHAT YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN
LAZULI, DOES THE POWER TO KEEP YOU WITH ME LIE BEHIND THAT GATE?
ONCE YOU OPEN THE GATE, SHE WILL BE DRAWN TO YOU LIKE A MOTH TO A FLAME. I PROMISE.

LAPIS! COME QUICK! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH SILICA!